

**Question for written answer E-009408/2016
to the Commission**
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Subject: Labour market integration of high school and college students in their final years

There are European Union Member States in which the education systems provide a full-time education and, in most cases, this is free of charge. The full-time nature does not facilitate young people's access to the labour market during their studies. The lack of material support, or their need to supplement their material resources, make high school and college students in their final years wish to enter the labour market in search of permanent or periodic financial resources.

The desire for labour market integration contrasts with the absence of careers advisory centres in schools, which should be a bridge between the categories of young people mentioned above and suitable job offers matching their skills and abilities. There is one more problem regarding the employer-student relationship, namely: the disparity between employers' requirements, which are based on young people having practical skills and abilities, and the educational offer which is particularly based on retaining theoretical knowledge.

1. Does the Commission have solutions for facilitating the labour market integration of high school and college students in their final years within EU Member States' schools?
2. Does the Commission have any data regarding the presence of work&study programmes in all the EU Member States?